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## ADVOCATING AFTER TRIAL: ASSISTING VICTIMS IN POST-CONVICTION APPEALS

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## Advocating After Trial

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Law & Order, Wolf Films, NBC Universal



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### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Discuss how trial advocates can prepare victims for the appellate process
- Review victims' rights at the appellate stage
- Explore advocacy in appeals
  - Direct appeals
  - PCRs / Rule 32
  - Federal appeals
  - Capital / death penalty appeals



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## APPEALS ADVOCACY AND THE AGOVS

### Procedures

- Opens a case on victim's request
- Initial contact
- Notice of appeal
- Notice of briefs
- Notice of outcome

### Process

- **Direct appeal** – AZ Courts of Appeal, AZ Supreme Court
- **Rule 32 / PCR** – trial court
- **Federal appeal** – federal courts: US District Court, US Circuit Court, US Supreme Court

### Time frame

- 6months → 30+years



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## APPEALS ADVOCACY AND THE AGOVS

- Personal advocacy
- Information
- Crisis response/intervention
- Safety & security
- Resources
- Accessibility
- Financial assistance
- Justice system advocacy
- Victims' Rights
- Confidentiality
- Support
- Empowerment

### The Four Rs of Trauma-Informed Care



Image adapted from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA, 2014)



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## APPEALS ADVOCACY AND THE AGOVS

### CONTACT

- methods
- relationships
- frequency

### PERSONAL

- restitution
- property return
- victim compensation

### IN-PERSON ADVOCACY

- meetings
- oral arguments
- evidentiary hearings

### EMPATHETIC LISTENING

- confusion
- fear
- anger



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### CAPITAL APPEALS ADVOCACY AND THE AGOVS

Long-lasting working relationships  
Cultural implications  
Generational  
Appeals are cyclical and circular in nature  
Slow, slow, slow... until they're not  
Collaborative  
Executions



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### APPEALS ADVOCACY IN GENERAL

All victims are served  
Criminal trespass charge through capital murder  
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And everything in between



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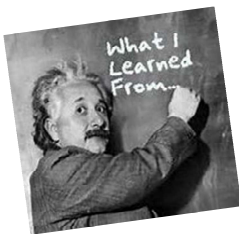
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### TAKING IT HOME



QUESTIONS?



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